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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed January 8, 2007, in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before July 9, 2007. Payment in the amount of \$510.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-524 CON.

Respectfully submitted,

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